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First UMC / Email Blast

This Weekend in Worship...

Sat @ 6 PM and Sun @ 8 AM & 10:30 AM – Sermon Series #**Abiding: Remain in the True Vine** continues with *Thriving* from Luke 13:6-9 – is there an area of your spiritual life that needs some patience or a second chance?

Ignite on Sun @ 6 PM with the new sermon series **Finding Our True Identity** with inspiration from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians; this weekend, *You are Included* from Ephesians 2:11-22.

Christmas in July – The Mission Committee's *Christmas in July Project* is collecting items for "**Survivor's Kits.**" These items will be sent to the Salvation Army who will assemble the kits and give them to girls when they are rescued from human/sex trafficking. Grab a STAR from the trees located in the Church's west entrance and/or in the Gathering Area. *Thank you for your overwhelming support of this year's Christmas in July Project – watch for MORE "stars" on the trees!*

Church Directory Photos – Come and get your picture taken for our church directory! The photo that goes into the directory is of no cost to you and your family. Sign up online or call the office at 402-564-8463. This Sunday there will also be a paper sign up in the Gathering Area before and after worship. Here is the online link to sign up <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y0txml30/> . Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Beginning & Belonging Class – The **Beginning & Belonging Class** is designed to help potential members to learn more about the mission & ministry of First UMC. Classes are scheduled on the **first Sunday of the month @ 9 AM in the Gathering Area** with Rev. Cindi. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about First UMC and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Church, please have them contact Rev. Cindi, Rev. Seong and/or the Church Office.

CALENDAR:

July 15 / *Peanut and Stretch Offering* / 6 PM Worship

July 16 / *Peanut and Stretch Offering* / 8 & 10:30 AM Worship / 6 PM Ignite!

July 17 / 5 PM Care 101 Training (OC-Meditation Room) / 6:30 PM Prayer & Healing Service (OC-MR) / 7 PM Care Team & Care 303 “Grief Response” Training (OC-MR)

July 18 / 6:45 PM Administrative Committee Chairs / 7:00 PM Administrative Committees

July 19 / 2:00 PM Start of Church Directory Photos (Outreach Center – Wesley Room)

July 20 / 12:00 AWARE (OC-MR) / 6:00 PM Prayer Team (CP) / 6:30 PM Leadership Development Class (006)

Volunteer Opportunities – Want to **VOLUNTEER** / **SERVE** in the Church? Watch this ***newly added*** section for opportunities! Email Erin Landon for more info:

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Sound Techs serve in weekly worship services and/or special events as scheduled (funerals, weddings, etc). **Training available!** Expectation would be to serve once a month (if we have enough volunteers). Talk to Jim Hanna or Kevin Whited for more info!

Summer Tutoring provides math & reading resources for students from Centennial, Emerson & West Park elementary schools. We have a record number of students who have signed up for Summer Tutoring this year. **August 1, 2, 3 & August 8, 9, 10** from **8 to 10 AM**. Help to prepare these students for their next school year!

Weeding is needed in our flower beds at both the Church & Outreach Center. Our previous volunteers have “aged out.” Can you offer a week or two this summer? Sign—up in the Church Office. *Thank you to those who have volunteered & started pulling those weeds!*

Care Team needs volunteers to make home & hospital visits as well as to provide transportation on Sunday mornings to worship services. **We offer training & guidance!** Next trainings will be held on **Monday, July 17 @ our Outreach Center:**

5 to 6:30 PM - Care 101 (Praying, Listening & Speaking in Caring Ways)

7 to 8:30 PM - Care 303 (Caring for Bereaved & Those Experiencing Loss)

Trainings are open to all church family members & friends who want to develop their caring skills. Sign-up in the Church Office with Rev. Cindi. Thank you!

Missions!

Mission Possible – All youth are invited to participate in Mission Possible on **Thursdays, July 20 & 27 from 10 to 1 PM**. Meet at the Outreach Center, participate in community mission projects & then head back to the OC to eat your sack lunch & play some games!

Habitat for Humanity Work Day Opportunity – There will be a workday on **July 22 from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM @1358 45th Avenue**. Morning snack & lunch will be provided. Project: painting & putting up trim on the house! **Need 10-12 workers** – volunteer signatures are needed on paperwork, so please sign-up by July 18 by calling the Church Office or by calling Jane Schneider.

Miscellaneous Items

Young Adult Bible Study – Rev. Seong is leading a new bible study that will discuss “purpose driven life, what on earth am I here for” by Rick Warren. They meet every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Rev. Seong Lee’s house (128 South Rose Ln). The next meeting dates are July 25, August 1, 15, 29 and September 12.

Summer Survival Guide / Paper Jesus! Families, if you are using your Summer Survival Guide – we want to hear about it! ***Post comments & ideas to our Facebook Page!*** We would also love to post pictures of Paper Jesus in action on location with your vacations, tournaments, etc. Facebook: First UMC & Outreach Center Columbus, NE

Columbus Days – Along with our 8 AM and 10:30 AM Worship services we will also be having a Christian Praise Service at 9:15 AM on Sunday August 20 in Frankfort Square. Please come and invite your friends.

Columbus Day Parade – Evangelism committee is looking for volunteers to walk or ride the First UMC float at the Columbus Days Parade on August 20th. Contact Kristi Nelson or Denise Krycl with questions, or just show up. They are meeting at NPPD parking lot at **2:45 PM**.

Community Connection!

Summer Concert – the 43rd Army Band will be performing on Friday, July 21 at 7:00 PM in the city square. The concert is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

Healthy Lifestyle Class – Session topics include: Carbohydrate counting, fat and calories, weight loss, importance of increasing physical activity, setting goals for success, and healthy snacks. Sessions are on July 25 & October 24 from 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM located at Columbus Wellness Center Multipurpose Room. This class is free to the public. To register call 402-564-4462 or go to www.columbushosp.org.

2 Day Summer Health Camp - On **August 7 & 8** from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This camp is hosted by Columbus Community Hospital's healthcare professionals for children entering grades 4,5, or 6. Cost is \$25 per child to register go online before Monday, July 31, 2017 or contact Reye Snitily at 402-562-3321.